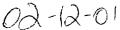


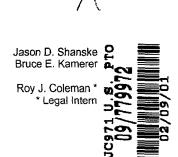
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No. Pages Specification: 11; Claims: 8; Abstract: 1; Drawings: 5; Declaration and

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